

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: REVISION OF
GENERAL ORDER NO. 57

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 2020-4

**AMENDED PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED
BY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATES**

General Order 57 Part A is hereby amended as follows:

A. Habeas Corpus Matters

8. The referral of Habeas Corpus matters to the United States magistrate judges shall not include referral of Habeas Corpus matters brought pursuant to 28 USC § 2255.

General Order 57 is amended to add Part D as follows:

D. Non-Inmate Pro Se Cases

1. All non-inmate pro se cases shall, under this order of the court, automatically be referred to a United States magistrate judge.

2. The magistrate judge shall issue a scheduling order fixing deadlines, discovery and other timetables, including a date for filing written pretrial orders and a date for a final pretrial conference before the district judge or, in cases where the parties have consented to trial before the magistrate, before the magistrate judge in accordance with the Middle District of Louisiana's *Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan* outlined in *General Order 2002-08*.

3. The magistrate judge shall conduct all pretrial proceedings up to the final pretrial conference.

4. All non-dispositive motions shall be decided by the magistrate judge.

5. The magistrate judge shall issue a written report and recommendation to the district judge on all dispositive motions, except in those matters where the parties have consented to trial before the magistrate judge.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 28 day of February, 2020.



SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



BRIAN A. JACKSON, DISTRICT JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



JOHN W. DEGRAVELLES, DISTRICT JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA